

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A space-occupying device for deployment within a patient's stomach comprising:

an expandable inflatable member having an inflation valve, said inflatable member being further adapted for disposition entirely within the patient's stomach; and

one or more fasteners secured to the expandable member and capable of anchoring the device within the patient's stomach, said one or more fasteners configured such that portions thereof can extend at least partially through the patient's stomach wall but not external to the patient's body.

Claim 2 (cancelled):

Claim 3 (Original): The space-occupying device of claim 1 wherein the fasteners comprise sutures.

Claims 4-8 (Currently withdrawn from consideration)

Claim 9 (currently amended): A space-occupying device for deployment within a patient's stomach comprising:

an expandable inflatable member having an inflation valve, said inflatable member being further adapted for disposition entirely within the patient's stomach; and

means for anchoring the device within the patient's stomach, said anchoring means being capable of extending at least partially through the patient's stomach wall but not external to the patient's body.

Claim 10 (cancelled):

Claims 11-27 (Currently withdrawn from consideration)

Claim 28 (Original): A method of anchoring a space occupying device within the stomach of a patient comprising the steps of:

introducing a space occupying device into the patient's stomach wherein said space occupying device includes an

expandable member having one or more fasteners attached thereto; and,

fastening said device to the patient's stomach wall such that portions of said fasteners extend at least partially through the patient's stomach wall but do not extend externally of the patient's body.

Claim 29 (Original): The method of claim 28 wherein said fasteners comprise one or more sutures.

Claim 30 (Original): The method of claim 28 wherein said space occupying device is inflatable, and wherein the method further comprises the step of inflating the device after fastening the device to the patient's stomach wall.

Claims 31-45 (Currently withdrawn from consideration)